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FIA Awards \$461,580 in Grants to 138 Child Day Care Providers and Child Care Centers in 61 Counties

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Family Independence Agency (FIA) Director Marianne Udow today announced \$461,580 in new grants to licensed or registered child care providers who serve children from low-income families subsidized by the Family Independence Agency. Udow said that the 138 grants range in amounts from \$585-\$15,000, with all but three start-up grants in a range from \$585-\$3,500.

The grant program, called Enhanced Quality Improvement Program, or EQUIP, is funded by the FIA and is aimed at increasing the quality and quantity of child care in Michigan communities. The Michigan 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care) Association, a partner with the FIA in helping public assistance recipients stay in the work force, administers the grant program.

“These grants increase access to quality child care by helping low-income families find affordable, safe services through child care providers and child care centers,” said Granholm.

The Lansing-based Michigan 4C Association selected the grantees. Grants were awarded for proposals that address equipment, computers, and resources to build child care capacity, support childhood development at care centers, and improve staff knowledge and caregiver techniques. EQUIP grants help child care providers develop service during afternoon, evening, and weekend work shifts, which is critical for working families, and ways to care for infants and children with special needs. Provider start-up grants help communities better meet the needs of their low-income families.

“The EQUIP grant program supports families with children as adults work toward financial independence,” said Udow. “The ability to locate safe, affordable day care service is critical to the success of low-income families.”

Working collaboratively with the FIA, the Michigan 4C Association regularly awards EQUIP grants to increase licensed child care capacity across the state. In March, the FIA awarded \$554,300 to 167 child care providers. From fiscal year 1998 through the current funding cycle, the FIA has distributed more than \$7 million in EQUIP grants funds. A list of current grantees follows. For more information on EQUIP grantees in any county, contact the Michigan 4C Association at (800) 950-4171.

Read more on child care services at www.michigan.gov/fia under “Day Care”.

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EQUIP Grantees

| County | Program Name | Last Name | First Name | Grant | Project |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alcona | | Weichel | Dallana | \$1,716 | infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities |
| Alpena | | Wilke | Tonia | \$3,497 | infant equipment, indoor activities |
| Alpena | | Dewar | Wanda | \$2,091 | safety, infant & outdoor equipment |
| Alpena | | MacArthur | Lisa | \$3,500 | beds, storage, computer |
| Antrim | | Wilson | Elizabeth | \$2,722 | fence, outdoor equipment, indoor activities |
| Arenac | | Schlopert | Sara | \$3,498 | infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities, curriculum |
| Barry | | Loughry | Katy | \$1,906 | infant & safety equipment |
| Bay | | Yax | Kimberly | \$1,738 | fence, infant & outdoor equipment |
| Bay | | Foor | Lorrie | \$3,493 | cots, infant & outdoor equipment |
| Berrien | | Taylor | Delorse | \$1,960 | fence |
| Berrien | | Tyson | Josie | \$3,468 | egress window, infant & outdoor equipment |
| Berrien | Priscilla Byrns Development Ctr | Cooper | Susan | \$3,479 | indoor activities, outdoor equipment |
| Calhoun | Johnson Child Care & Dev. Ctr | Face | Darci | \$3,475 | ramps |
| Cass | | Giles | Shawn | \$3,500 | fence, outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities |
| Cass | | Campbell | Katrina | \$3,500 | air filter system, outdoor equipment |
| Cheboygan | | Godin | Kathryn | \$2,000 | ramp |
| Chippewa | | Pietrangelo | Kimberley | \$3,500 | infant & outdoor equipment, printer, sofa sleeper |
| Chippewa | | Cremeans | Terri | \$3,500 | infant & outdoor equipment, remodeling, indoor activities, computer |
| Chippewa | | Berkland | Deanna | \$3,500 | infant equipment, bedding, indoor activities, fence |
| Chippewa | | McKenzie | Ann | \$3,500 | infant & outdoor equipment, storage, indoor equipment |
| Clinton | | Chadwell | Keesha | \$2,000 | labor for outdoor equipment |
| Clinton | | Hoover | Rose | \$3,490 | infant equipment, ramp, flooring, indoor activities |
| Clinton | Kids Town Daycare | VanScoyk | Terry | \$3,500 | indoor activities, outdoor equipment |
| Clinton | | Stiles | Kelly | \$3,500 | storage, cots, outdoor equipment |
| Delta | | Johnson | Heather | \$3,459 | computer, infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities |
| Delta | | Naylor | Tammy | \$2,720 | outdoor equipment, fence, indoor activities |
| Eaton | | Sims | Taunya | \$3,454 | infant & outdoor equipment, beds, indoor activities, storage |
| Eaton | | Byrd | Brijette | \$2,151 | outdoor equipment, remodeling |

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| Emmet | | Wright | Tammy | \$3,500 | infant & outdoor equipment, fence, computer, indoor activities |
| Genesee | Victoria's Garden | Fournier | Sue | \$3,315 | infant & outdoor equipment, storage, printer |
| Genesee | Paradise Daycare | Jones | Bessie | \$3,500 | computer, infant & outdoor equipment |
| Genesee | | Carr | Lisa | \$1,732 | fence |
| Genesee | | Lee | Loletha | \$3,479 | remodeling, indoor activities |
| Genesee | | Pea | Betty Joe | \$2,504 | outdoor equipment, table & chairs |
| Grand Traverse | Kids Come 1st | Adams | Rhonda | \$3,499 | fence, storage, outdoor equipment |
| Gratiot | | Jenkins | Kimberly | \$3,423 | outdoor & infant equipment, fence, indoor activities, printer, storage |
| Hillsdale | K.I.D.S. Campus | Myers | Tashia | \$3,496 | infant & outdoor equipment, storage, indoor equipment |
| Hillsdale | | Rodenhauser | Jill | \$3,439 | fence, outdoor & infant equipment |
| Houghton | | Coon | Marianne | \$3,026 | egress window, indoor activities |
| Huron | | Volmering | Terri | \$1,624 | outdoor & infant equipment |
| Huron | | Schweitzer | June | \$3,498 | indoor activities, mulch, computer, infant equipment |
| Ingham | | Haas | Tanya | \$3,500 | storage, infant equipment, table & chairs, computer |
| Ingham | | Thelen | Jane | \$2,855 | infant, outdoor & safety equipment, storage |
| Ingham | | Pecic-Badgley | Lindsey | \$3,490 | beds, furniture, computer, outdoor equipment |
| Ingham | Helping Hands Day Care | Fitzgerald | Carla | \$3,500 | playground cover, fence, outdoor equipment |
| Ingham | | Threatt | Rosalind | \$3,490 | egress window, computer, outdoor & infant equipment |
| Ionia | | Heath | Candice | \$3,500 | outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities, computer |
| Ionia | | Sanford | Heather | \$3,475 | outdoor & safety equipment, storage, indoor activities |
| Jackson | Humpty Dumpty Child Care | Smith | Lee Ann | \$3,500 | outdoor equipment |
| Jackson | Starlight Academy | Love | Charlotte | \$3,472 | infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities |
| Kalamazoo | | Conley | Lakeisha | \$3,499 | computer, indoor activities, outdoor & infant equipment |
| Kalkaska | | Vos | Siri | \$2,915 | outdoor & infant equipment |
| Kent | A Precious Creation | Robertson | Monica | \$3,500 | indoor activities, storage, outdoor equipment |
| Kent | | Paulateer | Chapri | \$3,500 | playground cover, outdoor equipment |
| Lapeer | | Helzer | Marjorie | \$3,500 | remodeling |
| Lenawee | | Creger | Kasandra | \$3,359 | fence, outdoor equipment |

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| Lenawee | Hudson Preschool & Daycare | Romanowski | Trina | \$3,000 | fence |
| Manistee | Great Beginnings Child Dev Ctr | Reckow | Dawn | \$3,391 | indoor activities, outdoor equipment |
| Marquette | | Pietro | Mary Ann | \$3,499 | infant & outdoor equipment, carpeting, storage, indoor activities |
| Mason | | Tyler | Kelly | \$3,497 | outdoor & infant equipment, fence, remodeling |
| Mason | | Beetz | Tonya | \$3,500 | carpeting, fence |
| Menominee | | Hunter | Arlene | \$3,224 | outdoor equipment, indoor activities, storage |
| Monroe | | McBride | Leslie | \$2,940 | infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities, computer |
| Muskegon | | Kolbe | Rebecca | \$3,496 | fence, computer, indoor activities, bed |
| Muskegon | | Macomber | Michelle | \$3,497 | outdoor equipment, fence |
| Muskegon | | Vayette | Susan | \$3,176 | fence, indoor activities, outdoor equipment |
| Newaygo | | Hanes | Mary Jo | \$3,500 | fence repair, infant equipment |
| Newaygo | | Wernette | Tracy | \$1,654 | fence |
| Oakland | | Green | Betty | \$3,500 | indoor activities, computer |
| Oakland | Carol's With Care | White | Caroline | \$2,679 | computer, indoor activities, infant & outdoor equipment |
| Oakland | Blue Bird Preschool & Daycare | Beaudet | Dara | \$3,336 | indoor activities, infant equipment |
| Oceana | | Salgado-Carrillo | Elvira | \$3,480 | outdoor & infant equipment, storage, indoor activities, air purifier |
| Ogemaw | | Henry | Wendy | \$3,125 | fence |
| Otsego | Patricia Asher | Brehm | Patricia | \$3,500 | infant equipment, indoor activities |
| Otsego | | Platte | Diane | \$2,984 | infant & outdoor equipment, computer |
| Ottawa | | Hawley | Elizabeth | \$3,500 | furniture, storage, infant & outdoor equipment |
| Ottawa | | Savola | Janie | \$3,500 | outdoor & safety equipment, indoor activities |
| Presque Isle | | Bober | Jennifer | \$3,500 | outdoor & infant equipment, storage, indoor activities |
| Roscommon | | Ferguson | Jennifer | \$3,459 | outdoor & infant equipment, remodeling, computer |
| Saginaw | | Walker | Darlene | \$3,199 | egress window, infant & safety equipment, carpeting |
| Saginaw | | Flores | Casandra | \$3,478 | outdoor equipment, indoor activities, fence |
| Saginaw | | Pugh | Kimberly | \$3,443 | outdoor & infant equipment, indoor activities |
| Saginaw | | Jakes | Carmelita | \$1,813 | fence, outdoor equipment |
| Sanilac | | Tostige | Lori Ann | \$3,448 | outdoor & infant equipment, computer |

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| Schoolcraft | J & J Learning Center | Miller | Theresa | \$3,500 | fence, infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities |
| Shiawassee | | Hanifan | Diane | \$3,485 | outdoor equipment, indoor activities, flooring |
| St. Clair | | Vani | Terri | \$3,427 | computer, fence, carpeting, infant equipment |
| St. Clair | | Johnson | Danielle | \$3,462 | storage, indoor activities |
| St. Joseph | | Sibert | Gina | \$3,500 | fence, outdoor equipment, table |
| St. Joseph | Child Star Development Center | Arnold | Dawn | \$3,455 | fence, outdoor & infant equipment, printer |
| Washtenaw | | Broniak | Michelle | \$1,306 | playground mulch |
| Wayne | | Shudell | Joanne | \$3,493 | beds, infant & outdoor equipment, computer, indoor activities |
| Wayne | | Lomax | Denise | \$3,345 | indoor activities, storage |
| Wayne | | Gross | Kim | \$1,908 | outdoor equipment |
| Wayne | Christian School House | Moore | Denise | \$3,500 | outdoor equipment, indoor activities, storage |
| Wayne | Gifts Created By God CC | Hoyt-Kessler | Julie | \$1,483 | computer |
| Wexford | | Dickinson | Anita | \$3,500 | computer, infant & outdoor equipment, indoor activities |
| | | | | \$304,589 | |

START UP GRANTS

Centers

| County | Program Name | Last Name | First Name | City | Grant |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Genesee | Rainbow Learning Programs-Manley | Lyons | Kimberly | Flint | \$14,071 |
| Kalamazoo | Great Achievements Childcare | Liskovec | Rebecca | Galesburg | \$15,000 |
| Wayne | Kids Avenue Christian Learning Center | Ojo | Elizabeth | Detroit | \$15,000 |
| | | | | | \$44,071 |

Family & Group Homes

| County | Last Name | First Name | City | Grant |
|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Alpena | Martin | Monica | Alpena | \$3,500 |
| Berrien | Scott | ElisaBeth | Berrien Springs | \$3,500 |
| Clare | Voss | Jennifer | Farwell | \$3,500 |
| Genesee | Nobach | Christine | Clio | \$2,186 |
| Genesee | Lane | Cherie | Flint | \$1,762 |
| Genesee | Corcoran | Madelon | Fenton | \$3,500 |
| Genesee | McClain | Elaine | Flint | \$3,500 |
| Gladwin | Rohn | Jodi | Beaverton | \$3,500 |
| Hillsdale | Chamberlain | Amy | Jonesville | \$2,799 |
| Houghton | Julio | Elizabeth | Hancock | \$3,500 |
| Ingham | Pennell | Jamie | Leslie | \$3,500 |
| Isabella | Frisch | Heather | Farwell | \$3,500 |
| Jackson | Wade | Lesa | Horton | \$2,870 |
| Kalamazoo | Conley | Lakeisha | Kalamazoo | \$3,500 |
| Kent | St. John | Ariane | Wyoming | \$3,500 |
| Kent | Placencia | Lara | Kentwood | \$3,240 |
| Kent | Oliver | Amy | Grand Rapids | \$2,770 |
| Kent | Beverly | Diane | Grand Rapids | \$585 |
| Kent | Morris | Lorie | Wyoming | \$3,500 |
| Kent | Youngquist | Katherine | Grand Rapids | \$1,680 |
| Kent | Short | Carmond | Wyoming | \$3,500 |
| Luce | Bergman | Kari | Newberry | \$3,235 |
| Macomb | Mixen | Angela | Roseville | \$3,500 |
| Manistee | Hojnowski | Barbara | Manistee | \$3,444 |
| Mecosta | Inosencio | Della | Big Rapids | \$3,477 |
| Missaukee | Satchell | Jennifer | Lake City | \$3,500 |
| Montcalm | Cole | Lynette | Edmore | \$3,440 |
| Muskegon | Zaagman | Teresa | Muskegon | \$1,060 |
| Oakland | Moore | Denise | Detroit | \$3,500 |

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|-----------|-----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| Oakland | Favors | Ernestine | Oak Park | \$3,424 |
| Ottawa | VanderNat | Carol | Jenison | \$1,213 |
| Ottawa | Ulven | Pamela | Zeeland | \$3,376 |
| Roscommon | Holmes-Robinson | Dawn | Houghton Lake | \$3,500 |
| St. Clair | Browne | Molly | St. Clair | \$3,121 |
| Van Buren | Niles | Jessi | Paw Paw | \$3,500 |
| Wayne | Abuhamra | Sittrallha | Hamtramck | \$3,374 |
| Wayne | Harvey | Bernice | Detroit | \$1,114 |
| Wayne | Moore | Michelle | Detroit | \$1,750 |
| | | | | \$112,920 |